

1994 Pulping Conference and Pan-Pacific Conference held together in San Diego

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The TAPPI Pulping Conference was held Nov. 6–10, 1994, at the Sheraton Harbor Island, San Diego, CA. Mill superintendents, process engineers, technical directors, scientists, consultants, and others in the pulping field from all over the United States and from 25 other countries attended the event. In total, 1093 attended the conference.

Opening session

Ian J. Clarke-Pounder, conference chairman and retired vice-president of the Impco Division of Ingersoll-Rand Inc., welcomed attendees and their spouses to the conference. He officially began the conference on Monday morning with a brief welcome to the crowd and the introduction of TAPPI President Ronald B. Estridge. Estridge emphasized the importance of involvement in the industry in his brief address. Estridge and Clarke-Pounder then awarded Pulp Manufacture Division prizes.

Douglas Attack, who retired from PAPRICAN in 1989, was the Division's 1994 medalist and Johan C.F.C. Richter Prize winner. Attack, a TAPPI member since 1956, played a major role in the introduction of chip refining and thermomechanical and chemi-thermomechanical pulping into the Canadian pulp and paper industry. He was named a TAPPI Fellow in 1975.

The 1994 Division Leadership and Service Award and Joseph K. Perkins Scholarship Prize winner was Richard G. Elliot, technical director of Longview Fibre Co. A TAPPI member since 1959, Elliot has been a past chairman of the Pulp Manufacture Division. He also served a three-year term on TAPPI's Board of Directors. The award includes a US\$1000 scholarship prize, which was awarded to Oregon State University, Elliot's alma mater.

William S. Fuller, senior scientist with Weyerhaeuser Co. and the recipient of TAPPI's 1995 Distinguished Service Award, was also present to receive the Division's 1993 Leadership and Service Award and Joseph K. Perkins Scholarship Prize. Fuller

TAPPI President Ronald B. Estridge (left) and Conference Chairman Ian J. Clarke-Pounder (center) present Douglas Attack (right) with the Johan C.F.C. Richter Prize.



was unable to receive the award at the 1993 conference. His scholarship prize was awarded to his alma mater, the University of Washington.

Clarke-Pounder then introduced keynote speaker Daniel Burrus, one of the nation's leading technology forecasters. In his address, entitled "Future View," Burrus emphasized that companies must plan years, even centuries ahead, to keep up with the rate that technology is advancing today in order to remain successful.

Technical program

Technical Program Chairman Jean-Claude Corbi, technical director for Federal Paper Board Co. Inc., put together many high-quality, innovative sessions. As many as seven ran concurrently, with attendance plentiful in all. Due to emerging deinking and recycling technologies, many of the pulp bleach-

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The Washing topic table at the Operational Issues Roundtable Breakfast



ing and fiber recycling technical sessions were noticeably popular with attendees.

One of the highlights of this year's technical session was the Operational Issues Roundtable Breakfast, held on Tuesday, Nov. 8. About half of the participants in this first-time event were from mills. Each committee in the Pulp Manufacture Division sponsored a table with a different topic. Participants then sat at the table of their choice. Each table was hosted by a facilitator with expertise in the subject. Division leaders have received very positive feedback from this event and are considering having two roundtable breakfasts at next year's conference.

Another highlight on Tuesday was the sixth annual Pulping Conference 5K Fun Run and Walk, which was sponsored by Industra Engineers and Consultants. About 50 attendees donned their running gear and hit the streets of San Diego for the race. Each contestant was rewarded with a T-shirt. Proceeds from the race benefit pulp and paper schools around the country.

On Wednesday morning, the Pulping Conference Prayer Breakfast was held. Attendance at the 1994 breakfast doubled over the previous year. Stan Parton of Sunds Defibrator gave the inspirational message.

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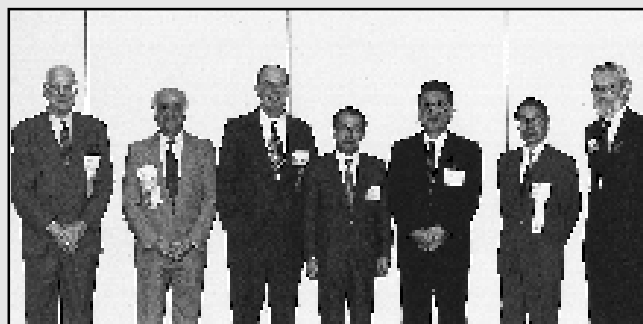
The 1994 Pulping Conference was held in conjunction with the 1994 International Pan-Pacific Conference. The Pan-Pacific Conference, sponsored by TAPPI, Japan TAPPI, CPPA/Technical Section, and APPITA, gathered industry leaders from around the world to discuss current papermaking trends. Pulping Conference attendees were allowed to attend the technical sessions of the Pan-Pacific Conference as well.

The keynote speech at the opening session was given by Yoshihiro Onda, president of Japan TAPPI and president of Mitsubishi Paper Mills, Ltd. Onda's speech was on the current state of the Japanese pulp and paper industry, relating to the

Participants in the Pulping Conference 5K Fun Run and Walk



Several leaders of the 1994 Pan-Pacific Conference, from left to right: Peter Brown, executive director, APPITA; Frank Marchetti, senior director, technical services, Engelhard Corp., and co-chairman, 1994 Pan-Pacific Conference; Ronald B. Estridge, president, TAPPI; Yoshihiro Onda, president, Mitsubishi Paper Mills Ltd., and president, Japan TAPPI; Kunio Hata, senior scientific advisor, Nippon Paper, and chairman, OTEC, Japan TAPPI; Kiyooki Iida, executive director, Japan TAPPI; and David H. Paterson, manager, Technical Section, CPPA.



rest of the world. It set a positive tone for the purpose of the conference.

Future conferences

The 1995 Pulping Conference will be held Oct. 1–5 at the Sheraton Chicago, Chicago, IL. The 1996 Pulping Conference will be held Oct. 27–31 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN. 